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FANWOOD

On Sunday evening, January 2nd, the holiday season came to an end, and the pupils began coming back to school. Monday morning found nearly all back for the second part of the 1937-38 term, and the final one at the present location.

To be sure, everybody seemed to have had an enjoyable time during the holidays, and the inquiring reporter was enabled to glean the following:

Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg spent a very quiet Christmas at home because Mr. Skyberg's duties did not permit him to get away. Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Eglinton of St. Albans, Long Island and Mrs. Victoria Maljean.

Plans had been made to visit Mr. and Mrs. Davies on New Year's Day but impassable roads interrupted that pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. Davies spent Christmas with Mr. Davies' mother in Plymouth, Pa. After a few days in New York the remainder of the holidays was spent quietly in Trenton.

Miss Berry had a very enjoyable holiday, which she spent in Geneva, N. Y., with her mother. Her sister was with them over Christmas.

The Iles family celebrated an old-fashioned Christmas with relatives on a farm near Ulster, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Morrill spent the holidays down in their home state, North Carolina. The weather was so mild they did not have to wear their coats.

Mr. Dacey visited in Scranton, Pa., with his folks. He played Santa Claus Christmas Eve to a poor family of three young children and had an enjoyable holiday.

Miss Teegarden, her mother and Miss Scofield spent the Christmas week-end with the latter's cousins in White Plains. They all drove to New Rochelle, spending Christmas Day with Miss Scofield's brother and his family. The remainder of the vacation was spent very pleasantly at home.

Mrs. Voorhees had a quiet time home with her mother, returning with the Iles. They came back via Nazareth and Bethlehem, Pa. Both towns were featuring Christmas decorations as never before. The history of how the towns in 1744 happened to be so named was printed in many Pennsylvania papers. Every home and practically all business places were brilliantly lighted and artistically decorated. It was pleasant and interesting to see.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker spent most of the vacation in Wilmington, Del., with relatives. They also made trips to Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. While at Kendall Green in Washington they renewed many old friendships, and generally enjoyed themselves.

Miss Dolph visited with her family in Schenectady, N. Y., over the holiday season. Real winter weather was enjoyed, with plenty of snow and ice. The city of Schenectady gave prizes for the most original and beautiful outdoor Christmas decorations. One of the pleasures was driving about the city and suburbs to look at them.

Mr. Dozier spent the holidays down in the blue grass region of Kentucky, where he was joined by his parents, who came up from Georgia.

Mr. Hoffman went to St. Petersburg, Florida, for his Christmas vacation. He went fishing four days with no luck on three days. The other day he drove 110 miles to Crystal River and caught some big wide-mouth bass and a lot of lively bone-fish. He got a nicely tanned face, too.

Crystal River flows out of a big spring with water as clear as glass. The single spring makes the river, which is big enough for big motor boats to run right up to the spring. The spring flows at the rate of 200,000 gallons per minute—about enough to supply the city of New York with drinking water. The Spanish moss hanging from the live-oak trees and the great clumps of palmetto palms made a picture quite different from New York in winter.

Miss Hall spent several delightful days in Washington, D. C., with Mrs. Roy J. Stewart.

Mr. Kiehne spent the holidays at his home on the south shore of Long Island, resting and motoring a little.

Mrs. Watson has been ordered by her doctor to take a two months complete rest, so she will not return to school until after then.

Dr. Harlan Bloomer of the University of Michigan Department of Speech and Linguistics, spent a day in the Primary Department. He is visiting schools in New York City and the East.

Last Monday, Cub Pack 14 had a meeting in the parent's room. Cubs Hoffman and Harris were successful in their tests for the Wolf Rank, as was Cub Smith in the "game" test. He gave a game of his own. It was a "touch the basket" game. Den 4, with Harris as the leader, won the game by 55 points, with Den 2 trailing by 2 points. The Cubs enjoyed themselves very much. Den 4 was the best in conduct and attention.

Delaware

Mrs. Theodore Scudder sponsored an entertainment for Christmas for the Happy Heart Club at her residence on December 21st. The members exchanged presents, after they played cards. Miss B. White-lock still holds the presidency of the club; Mrs. Geo. Miller and Mrs. M. Butts, trustees, and Mrs. T. Scudder, treasurer.

On December 22d, the club sponsored a Christmas dinner in honor of the members, whose attendance was excellent during the month of December.

Messrs. H. Jump and Ed. Lynch of Milford, Del., joined in the New Year's celebration at the Irish Hall, and they had much enjoyment.

December 26th, the club played Santa Claus by presenting toys to the members' children, and assorted boxes of chocolate to the members. After that, games were played.

Mr. C. Fragin was a visitor at the Silent Athletic Club in Philadelphia. He brought back their compliments to the Wilmington Club.

For the New Year celebration the hall was colorfully decorated on holiday spirit. Upon entrance everybody was presented with different streamers. As twelve o'clock was approaching, all were tossing them everywhere, after games had been played. Refreshments were served. The Irish hall was colorfully decorated in holiday spirit. The Irish hall was colorfully decorated in holiday spirit. The Irish hall was colorfully decorated in holiday spirit.

A formal reception at the new hall (Eden) was given to the members of the Wilmington Club on the first day of January.

E. P. C.

NEW YORK CITY

WATCH NIGHT AT THE UNION LEAGUE

The final entertainment of 1937 came off on the 31st of December. It was the night before the ushering of the New Year 1938. For their affair the Entertainment Committee, headed by Mr. Weisman, decorated the rooms conforming to the occasion.

The four hundred in attendance were first given a chance to take part in the game of "500," in a large room opposite the Union League suite, which was rented for the night.

On account of many who did not come early, the management had to arrange for three sections. The winners of the first section were Mr. A. A. Cohn, first prize; Mr. A. Greenspan, second prize.

Second Section—Mr. S. Cosgrove, first prize; Mrs. Bertha Schultz, second prize.

Third Section—Miss Ray Cohen, first prize; Mrs. Sarah Fisher, second prize.

The floor show was held in the League's large assembly room.

Following is the program:

Jules and Clifton—Broadway Fashion Plates.

Jean Carpenter—Modernistic Dancer, an imitator of the Famous Sally Rand Fan Dancer.

Cameron and Van—Ball Room Team.

Freeman Sisters—Tap and Acrobatic.

George Rowland—Europe Novelty.

The show was greatly enjoyed by one and all, Mr. Louis Loomis with his accordion was on hand and except one or two of the acts, belloyed out music, and the actors kept perfect time.

Every one who attended were given a fancy cap and a noise maker, and at the strike of 12, though perfectly deaf, enough noise was made, not for us alone, but for many blocks away to hear, the gathering present to help ushering in the New Year 1938.

In the Recreation Room were the refreshments, which consisted of half a dozen kind of sandwiches, Schaefer on tap, and for those whose taste differ—sweet lemonade. Everybody was satisfied—as the committee had ample supply for twice the number that attended.

The affair did not terminate till the 'wee hours of the morn'—some get home some time after the milkman had already delivered their supply of milk.

The year 1938 was ushered in with much revelry and hilarity at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Weinberg. As usual the greatest noise was in Times Square, but in this remote section of Flatbush gathered some twenty couples, who made merry with all the fanfare of the Great White Way. There were horns and ratchets and Bronx cheering devices and all made whoopee until the shades of dawn broke up the merriment. At midnight all did justice to a buffet turkey supper in the newly renovated grill of the host and hostess. The feast was a sumptuous affair and had all the proportions of a banquet. Incidentally Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zwicker reached the 20th milestone of wedded bliss and happiness, and not only did they receive the plaudits of the gathering but were also presented with a purse of \$25 from their friends and admirers present. Through the medium of this brief article a rousing vote of thanks is tendered Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Weinberg, Mr. and Mrs. Calman Davis and Miss Catherine Neth, who skillfully engineered this long to be forgotten event.

One of the many enjoyable house parties given by the deaf on New Year's Eve in and around New York was that given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herring at their beautiful home in Arlington, N. J. Guests came from New York, Brooklyn, and New Jersey. Mr. William Hayes, who came all the way from Baltimore to attend the party, was met at Newark by Mr. and Mrs. J. Aaron and brought to Arlington in their car. They were the last guests to arrive, after a while all adjourned to the recreation room in the basement where the fun began.

Mr. Hayes, large and portly, well-known in New York and elsewhere, kept the guests laughing merrily for a long time with his humorous talk and quaint ways. The evening was spent in dancing and games. Then at midnight, after the din of greeting the New Year had died down, a sumptuous buffet supper was served. The party broke up at dawn and the last to depart were the Aarons and Balmuths, intending to leave in their cars. The household was getting ready for a short morning's nap when about half an hour later the door bell rang and in marched the Aarons and Balmuths and the rest of the party guests. They could not get started for home on account of the icy streets and lack of transportation. So the Herrings had them as their guests until 9 A.M. Mr. Hayes, who was invited to remain overnight, departed the next evening to visit relatives in Dover, N. J.

Mrs. Emma Schneider was a week-end guest of the Herrings, and like every one else, enjoyed the party.

Mesdames Nancy Moore and Mabel Wilson, both of Philadelphia, Pa., spent a few days in New York City as guests of Miss Elizabeth McLeod.

Miss Kate Mencher and Mr. Max Lederfiend were united in marriage on December 12th, 1937. Miss Mencher was formerly of the 23d Street School for the Deaf, while Mr. Lederfiend comes from Fanwood.

On Wednesday night, December 22d, the "Clover Girls" held a shower at the home of Jessie Kaman, to surprise Miss Ida DeLaura. The room was beautifully decorated, trimmed with wedding bells, and there was a lovely centerpiece on the table. Miss DeLaura received some lovely gifts. A midnight supper was served to all, after which speeches were made to wish Miss DeLaura good luck. She was married to Mr. Patsy Cassamacca on the 26th of December.

Miss Ruth Efron of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in our city on December 24th, where she will remain for a month. She was accompanied by Mr. Louis Farber of Brooklyn, to the watchnight party held at the Union League for the Deaf, where she renewed acquaintances she made at the Chicago N. A. D. Convention last summer.

The mother of Joseph and Henry Peters was tendered a surprise party last Saturday at the latter's home, in honor of her 75th birthday. Over thirty friends crowded into the apartment, and partook of a bountiful dinner and generally made merry.

Mrs. Ludwig Fischer met with a painful if not serious mishap last week, when she was thrown forward against the dashboard of the auto, when it had to stop suddenly to avoid collision. Her nose was either fractured or broken. After being attended by the doctor, she was able to go home.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE

By Will Rogers

"The Joys of Mary", a short Christmas play, was presented Friday evening, December 24th, in Chapel Hall by the YWCA and the YMCA as a prelude to the annual Christmas party. The theme of the play, built around the birth of Christ, dealt with the three gifts, Faith, Hope and Peace, which Mary (B. Marshall) requested be given to her son by the world at large. The play was touching in its simplicity and was suitably climaxed by Catherine Marshall's beautiful rendition of "Silent Night."

The play concluded, gifts were given out, personal and otherwise, a grab bag furnishing everyone present with a box of nuts, candy, and a small gift. Dancing and games followed.

Miss Hahn and L. Latz, presidents of the YWCA and YMCA, are to be commended for their unflagging efforts to make the evening a success.

Following the play, as has been customary for the past several years, Prof. Doctor escorted a group of young men and women on a bus tour of the city. The tour was a variation of the usual trip to the Franciscan Monastery. Some seventy students took advantage of the opportunity to see Washington by night, and without a doubt, all enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

Badminton is a new game to Kendall Green, but already it has captivated practically the entire student body, and those who do not actually participate in the game enjoy watching it. Thursday evening, a tournament was held in Old Jim, both men and women students taking part. In the men's singles, Rex Lowman outplayed Donald Berke, 15-9, 15-6, while Ruth Davies won over Beatrice Nelson in the women's singles, 15-3, 15-10. Next came the men's doubles, with Lowman and Domich easily defeating Latz and Berke, 15-2, 15-3. In the women's doubles, Lillian Hahn and Bertha Marshall staged an upset by barely nosing out the favored team of Davies and Nelson, 15-12, 16-18, and 15-13. In the mixed doubles, Hahn and Lowman triumphed over Marshall and Domich, 15-8, 15-4, Lowman turning in a top-notch performance in spite of his two preceding games.

Perhaps the most interesting event during the holidays was the knock-down drag-out basketball game staged by the men students who remained here through the holidays. The two teams were composed of students who hail from the North and the South, and all the bitter rivalry of the Civil War was revived again as the two teams took the floor. Every minute of the game was packed with thrills, the spectators threatening to collapse the rafters of Old Jim with their lusty war cries.

During the first two quarters, General Latz and his faithful followers played rings around General Atwood and his troops. Through the flaying arms and legs of the embattled foe could be seen General Latz signing his now famous battle-cry—"Don't shoot until you are sure of a basket." In the closing minutes of the second quarter, the Northern quintet had a total of 16 points to their credit, while the southern slave drivers could garner only 4.

Controlling himself with the greatest difficulty, General Atwood rallied his men, and in the middle of the third quarter unleashed an attack which threatened to swamp the unprepared Northerners. However, the attack stopped as suddenly as it had begun, and every man on the court began to feel the strain of the struggle. Gradually the Southerners began to pile up point after point until the score stood at 22 all.

The fourth and decisive quarter was a little more like basketball and less like mayhem and slaughter, each

team using caution, and shooting only when sure of a basket. However, in the closing minutes of the game, a barrage of mid-court shots by General Atwood's men claimed its toll of the North, which was now trailing by five points. Reinforcements were sent in, but nothing could halt the march, and the final score stood at 32-27 in favor of the South. (Courtesy of L. Clancy)

As a reward for having been judged the winners in the competitive plays held in the Chapel, the young men will be guests of the young women at a party to be given in their honor in the near future. This vying for dramatic laurels is an annual event, and in spite of the fact that each group has only one practice session, the plays are well worth seeing. The young ladies opened the program with a "night before Christmas" act, in which the tables were turned on Santa (Laura Eiler) and his wife (M. McLish) and gifts taken to them by P. Steele, N. Strickland, and E. Weeks, children of Vinona and Pauline Long. The women's play concluded, the stage was cleared and the men gave an exhibition of the Supreme Court in session. L. Latz, Donald Berke, Race Drake, C. Doering, J. Sharp, R. Gaunce, L. Auerbach, F. Cobb, and R. Lewis acting the parts of the nine justices. The opening scene depicted the office of the President (N. Brown), who had just received word, via messenger boy (F. Sullivan), that a proposed bill had been passed by the Court. The second scene showed the manner in which the justices had passed the bill. The performance was a rollicking satire throughout, and was awarded first place by the judges: Miss Mary Corretti, '32, Mrs. A. Cuppy, '31, and Miss M. McKellar, '31.

The annual YMCA-YWCA watch-night party was a huge success for all who attended. The old year was forgotten, and everyone joined in to make the birth of the new a merry one. The waxed floors of the men's refectory, and the Chapel provided excellent dancing, which began at 9 P.M. and lasted until 12:30. Punch was served during intermission, and caps, confetti, and noisemakers made the event a gala affair. Prizes for various contests were won by Miss L. Davies and A. Ravn, who were judged the best dancers, Miss L. Eiler, who made the best resolution, and Miss Norma Strickland and C. Doering. As has been customary in the past, members of the Senior class ascended to the tower and tolled the all-but-forgotten tower bell—1939 will hear it ringing again!

As a climax to the Christmas vacation the YWCA held a tea for the entire student body, Sunday afternoon, in the girls' reading room. The affair was in charge of Miss Rosie Fong, and was well attended.

The vacation period, which began December 23d, came to a close with the beginning again of regular classes, Monday, January 2d. Quite a number of students spent the vacation period at home, or with relatives, and for those who were forced to remain at college, suitable entertainment was furnished. Outside of college activities, shows, trips to the zoo, and sight-seeing jaunts seem to have been the most popular pastimes, everyone taking fullest advantage of this brief respite from studies.

First prize of \$25.00 in a recently conducted dress pattern contest, was won by Miss Lillian Hahn, '39. The contest was under the supervision of the School Sewing Service of New York, makers of Simplicity patterns. Miss Hahn, Gallaudet's sole representative, received word last week that her contribution had been awarded first prize. Congratulations!

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New York State

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Before our eyes is a new calendar, topped by the figures "1938." The New Year has come, the old has gone. A New Year is before us, and it is up to us whether this new year is to be a happy and prosperous one, or whether it will be a sad and dreary one. It will be as we make it. So, let's make it good.

On the calendar is a verse; you might like it:

Lord, as the NEW YEAR dawns today,
Help me to put my faults away,
Let me be big in little things,
Grant me the joy which friendship brings,
Keep me from selfishness and spite,
Let me be wise in what is right.

Edgar A. Guest.

The evening of December 31st brought snow to Albany. A good deal of it; the next day brought more. The last day of the year also brought a Watch Night Party to Albany, sponsored by Albany Division 51, N.F.S.D. In spite of the snow and cold, it was well attended, almost a hundred being there. Some came from as far as Utica, Hartford, and Athens, with a goodly crowd from Schenectady. There were games, dancing, and talking. On eight-year-old hearing girl gave an exhibition of acrobatic dancing that was easily the best we have seen so far. The New Year was issued with merriment, interwoven with a mesh of confetti and paper streamers. And the games, dancing and talking went on, and on, into the wee sma' hours of the dawn. Chairman Edward Lydecker deserves much praise for this successful showing.

Mary Lewis, of Albany, had a quiet birthday party for her mother, Ellen Lewis, on December 28th. Mrs. Lewis is 93 years of age. Three children, two sisters, including Mary and a son, attended, along with four grandchildren. A buffet supper was served.

BRAINARD-LAIR

In the Saint's Church, Johnson City, New York, on December 25th, Christmas Day, Gordon Sibley Brainard and Marion Elizabeth Lair were united in matrimony by the Rev. Herbert C. Merrill. The bride was attended by Elnora Edwards, while Francis M. Lair was best man. The bride wore yellow silk, with a small cap and a long train.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellery C. Race spent Christmas with the latter's folks in Scranton, Pa.

The Rev. Herbert C. Merrill has had a busy holiday season. In Albany and Schenectady the week before Christmas, then Christmas Eve in Johnson City he assisted at the midnight service at All Saints. Then on the 26th he had services in the same town, after which he went home to Syracuse to observe his own belated Christmas with Mrs. Merrill. On January 2, 1938, he held more services in Rochester and Buffalo. And people say that ministers don't have anything to do.

Miss Elvira Wohlstrom, a teacher at the Maryland School for the Deaf at Frederick, spent the Christmas holidays with her sister at Plattsburg, N. Y. On her way back to Maryland she stopped to visit her collegemates, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lange, Jr., at their home in Albany. Bill is Gallaudet '32, Miss Wohlstrom '33, and Mrs. Lange '34. So all three had much to talk over during the over-night visit. Miss Wohlstrom planned to stop for a day each in New York City and New Haven, Conn., before going on back to her school.

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BASKETBALL AND DANCE

Hebrew Association of the Deaf
Saturday, March 5, 1938

Allan B. Meacham

On December 19th, Mr. Arthur Meacham, an instructor in the New York School for the Deaf, drove his parents from their home in Cambridge, Mass., to the Junior Meacham's home in Flushing, L. I. On Monday Mr. Meacham was stricken just before lunch. He was taken to the Flushing Hospital and given every aid, but despite that remained in a semi-conscious state until his passing on Monday morning, December 27th.

The funeral services were held at the Gleason Funeral Home, Flushing, at 2 P.M., on Wednesday, December 29th, with Rev. Mr. G. C. Braddock officiating both at the parlor and at the Fresh Pond Crematory.

It was in compliance with Mr. Meacham's wishes that the end should be as it was carried out.

After Mr. Braddock had given the Episcopal rites, Mr. John O'Rourke, an almost lifelong friend of the deceased, told of Mr. Meacham's many and varied activities for the benefit of his fellow deaf brothers, particularly stressing his work for and with the Boston Division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, which he had served as President and in other offices. He also served as Boston's delegate to Conventions of the N.F.S.D., and had many friends all over the country.

Mr. Meacham celebrated his 76th birthday last August. He was born in Guildhall, Vermont.

The honorary pall bearers, were fellow "Frat" members, Messrs. John O'Rourke, Harry P. Kane, E. Souweine and Alex L. Pach. Among the floral tributes was a large wreath from Boston Division N.F.S.D., and several other wreaths.

National Association of the Deaf



OFFICIAL

We are gratified to announce the personnel of the Los Angeles 1940 Local Convention Committee as follows: Perry E. Seely, Chairman; Thomas W. Elliott, Vice-Chairman; J. A. Goldstein, Secretary; J. Musso, Treasurer; Mrs. Grace M. Noah, Mrs. Burma Barthe, and Mr. Odean Rasmussen.

This has received the enthusiastic endorsement at a mass meeting of the deaf of Los Angeles, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chapter of the California Association of the Deaf. Further announcement of what promises to be the biggest Convention in the annals of this Association will be made in due course.

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OMAHA

Omaha Division No. 32, N.F.S.D. held its regular monthly meeting at the Rome Hotel Saturday night, December 11, with a good attendance. Floyd Rutledge of Texas and Wyoming, and Anton Netusel of Council Bluffs, were visiting brethren. Mr. Rutledge has been a member of Dallas Division for eight years and being on the road so much, it was almost the first meeting he had attended in nearly all that time. Election of officers for 1938 resulted as follows: President, Dale D. Paden; Vice-President, William Sinclair; Secretary, C. M. Bilger; Treasurer, Hans Neujahr; Director, John Rabb; Sergeant-at-arms, F. A. Clayton; Trustees, Edmund Berney, Nick Peterson, Chas. Falk. All were elected by the Secretary's casting their ballots.

"Think and Grow Rich" is an interesting new Success Book by Napoleon Hill. In one chapter he tells about his son Blair, who was born without ears or openings in his skull where ears should be. Mr. Hill was undaunted by the prospect. He taught the boy to understand sounds made close to his head and put him through high school and college. When Blair was 24 years old they found a "bone conduction" hearing aid which was just what he needed. So he was given a position with the manufacturers and taught a class of deaf and hard of hearing. Sounds interesting and its true.

Hearing children are learning to read by following instructions written on a blackboard. It is called the "look and act" method, as distinguished from the old style "look and say" style of oral reading. In Chicago there are more than 3,000 first and second graders learning the new method.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mullin were host and hostess to the Council Bluffs Bridge Club, at their home, Thursday, December 16th. First prize was won by Mrs. Osborne and Efford Johnson. Gregory Kratzberg was second highest, but excused himself as he had won three consecutive prizes already. Norman Scarvie and Mrs. Zabel won the consolations. Refreshments would up a very pleasant evening.

The Rainbow Pinochle Club held its second annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bilger on the night of December 23. There was a blue-lighted Christmas tree in the living room. Mrs. Dale Paden and William Bauersacks had highest scores for the evening. Cash prizes were given to Mrs. Paden and Nick Petersen for highest scores for the season from early October to December 23. Exchanging of gifts followed. Then refreshments were served, including Christmas candy, cake and nuts.

The Jolly Twelve Pinochle Club met on the evening of December 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Treuke. It also was a Christmas party. Norman Scarvie held highest score and Mrs. Treuke was second. The Treukes had a large, prettily decorated tree and the guests exchanged gifts. Delightful refreshments appropriate to the occasion ended an enjoyable evening.

Ziba L. Osmun, of Benedict, spent Christmas with his wife, who is a girls' supervisor at the Nebraska School. While here he was the guest of the J. W. Sowell.

John H. Rabb spent Christmas with his parents in York, Neb.

Beta Chapter, Kappa Gamma Fraternity of Gallaudet College, held its monthly confab, Tuesday evening, December 7, at a local cafe.

The Rev. Homer E. Grace came around to preach at Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, December 6. Mrs. Ota Blankenship recited a lovely Christmas hymn. A meeting was held at the Parish House later. Officers for 1938 were elected as follows: Senior Warden, F. A. Clayton; Junior Warden, Tom L.

Anderson; Secretary, H. G. Long; Treasurer, Scott Cuscaden and Frank Chase as an "extra". Assistance was given to the Lloyd Thomas family in South Omaha. The hearing auxiliary of the church also helped them out. The members of All Souls' voted to have a Bridge and Pinochle party at the Parish House, Friday, January 21. Then Mrs. Emma Seely, the Auxiliary President, invited all to her home on the following Sunday, where they filled two boxes for the Thomas children with groceries, toys and clothing brought by the members. It was a very enthusiastic and pleasant meeting, closing with a lunch by the hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Anderson of Council Bluffs, came over to attend.

The Nebraska School for the Deaf basketball team went to Valley, Friday, December 16, to clash with the Valley High School team there. They clung to a first half lead to edge Valley 29-27. The Nebraska School lads lead at the half time, 14 to 11. Ability to score from the free throw line was a big help to Coach Nick Petersen's entry in scoring their first victory of the season. Dougherty was high with 11 points. The N.S.D. seconds won a preliminary game, 13 to 8.

Then on Saturday night, December 17, the N.S.D. lads crushed the Fort Calhoun High School team on the home floor, winning their second straight. The Nebraska deaf got away with an early lead after Dougherty offset Schroeder's (of Ft. Calhoun) opening basket and lead, 28-8, at half time. Manler and Kline lead the onslaught.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petersen entertained the former's brother-in-law and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hladik to a turkey dinner, at their home on Christmas Day. Also William Bauersacks. The Hladiks stayed over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zabel of Council Bluffs, and Mr. and Mrs. George Revers were callers. Pinochle was the feature of the evening.

Miss Charlotte Barber resigned as an employee at the Nebraska School, leaving on Thursday, December 23, after serving for several years. She spent the holidays with her parents at Bayard and left the following Monday for Denver, Col., where she has since obtained employment. At the last meeting of the Rainbow Pinochle Club she resigned as treasurer. Her place was taken by Charles Falk. Miss Ruth Neujahr has joined the club in her place. Miss Barber, a vivacious and jolly girl, will be missed by her friends, especially the club. We wish her good luck.

Glenn Cooper assistant boys' supervisor at the Nebraska School, spent Christmas with relatives in Nebraska City. There was a family reunion at the home of a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mullin had a big family gathering on Christmas Day at their home. Mrs. Mullin's parents from Glenwood, Iowa, and her brother Earl and family were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Engel of Friend, Neb., are the proud parents of a baby boy, born last October.

Miss Katherine Babcock spent Christmas with relatives in Lincoln. Santa Claus was mighty nice to her, but she failed to mention what her boy friend gave her.

Mrs. Scott Cuscaden has been staying at the Nebraska School hospital the past few weeks as assistant nurse. Several cases of chicken-pox have spread among the pupils. At present there are only a handful left.

Miss Della Page, who left Omaha for Denver nearly three years ago, was in Omaha spending the holidays visiting old friends. She has a steady position and looks better than when she left here.

HAL AND MEL

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Great Lakes Bowling Association Pin Points

The plans for the Fifth Annual Tournament are taking shape nicely. The American Bowling Congress has officially sanctioned the tournament and according to our President Hinchey, it is framed and hanging on the wall at the Jefferson Bowling Academy where the tournament will hold sway.

Word came from Detroit recently advising your secretary that it was safe to bet that the D. A. D. would send at least five teams. That's something! and then we have the assurance of Cleveland for four teams. There is a suspicion that they are coming *en masse*. Hope everyone of them got a .300 for Christmas!

And from distant Indianapolis we can count on Hetzler and his clan. They are burning up the drives nowadays in preparation for this classic and they should bear watching. Those Indianapolis boys are regular fellows!

On the 12th of December, two Syracuse teams traveled Binghamtonward and matched their pin splintering skill against the parlor tricks of the Binghamton boys. The net result was that the Parlor City boys soiled the Syracuse's first team's best Sunday clothes, while the second quints escaped the same fate by a good margin. Can it be that the Parlor City boys are getting good?

Lemme see, what was I thinking about? Oh, yes. New York City and Philadelphia. No, I have not heard from them. Sure, it would be great to have them come up. There's great ones like Radcliffe and Funk. They are reputed to know the anatomy of the bowling balls and the pins to the "nth" and surely there are plenty of hot ones to form several teams. Seriously, both should make good threats for any team. Get het up! Gothamites and Phillies!

And there's a McDonald across the river in New Jersey City with a rep on the polished lanes, so I hear. Hey, Mac, how about scaring up a team or two of Jersey skeeters? We assure the atmosphere at our classic will be just right for them.

We are wondering if Jere Fives has started a city series in the big burg again. Hope so should be a good "proving grounds" for the aspirants to make the teams. By the way, shall I send you a couple or so of entry blanks?

"Deaf-Mutes' Journal" inscribed in silk on back of bowling shirts should look swell. How about it, Renner? I'll see about the widening of the alleys to accommodate your big hook. No duck balls, please.

This stooge has been advised that a publication to be known as "Great Lakes News" is to make its bow to the deafdom presently—to be devoted mostly to bowling and incidentally to make it the official organ of the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association. It merits encouragement.

The editorial task rests on the shoulder of Glenn A. Smith, and the sticking of type and daubing of ink, artistically executed, by Morris Purviance and Alex Lobsinger. Watch for it.

As if it was not enough that his home town was to act as host to the Great Lakes bowlers, Carl "Goose" Strail, not long ago, showed us what he intended to do. In one of the regular Artcraft League games he banged the sticks down for the score of 234, 230 and 189, for a nice tally of 653—and bewared all ye comers!!

The sponsor association, Up-state New York Bowling Association of the Deaf, is making good stride in raisings fund to be used for entertainment at Hotel Syracuse. The plans have not yet been formulated, but the visiting bowlers and fans can be sure of a bang-up good time during the lull of the crashing maples—Saturday evening.

In reply to the inquiries as to the time of rolling of the games. The five-man event will be held on Saturday, April 23rd—forenoon till all rolled (it is hoped that the captains will cooperate in regard of time of arrival so that no team shall start after five 5 o'clock). The double and single events on Sunday, April 24th. The business meeting will be held at about 7:30 P.M. Saturday.

MINNESOTA

News items for this column, and subscriptions, should be sent to Wesley Lauritsen, School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minnesota.

New Year Greetings to all of our readers. We have just received advance New Year Greetings from Efficient Business Manager Renner saying that our last two letters were so thick and bulky that they came postage due. Mr. Renner advises that we cease trying to beat Uncle Sam, as it can't be done. We have a letter from New York that came without any postage stamp, which shows that Uncle Sam does close his eyes at times. However, this letter is going to be shorter than usual as we are having our Christmas vacation. Listen, brother, we work harder during the vacation in trying to catch up than we do when school is in session and there is a regular routine to follow.

From Houston, Minn., comes a request for alphabet cards for nurses at the local hospital. Dan Summers is located at this point and has a hunch that he will soon be a patient. He believes in preparedness!

The mother of Principal Ralph Farrar came from Utah to spend Christmas with him and Mrs. Farrar at their East Side Mansion.

A large and appreciative crowd packed the Charles Thompson Hall on Christmas Eve. Christmas hymns were signed by Miss Evelyn Pap and Mrs. Russell Corcoran, the former choosing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," the latter "While the Shepherds Watched." Mr. Corcoran was a perfect Santa Claus, passing bags of candy, nuts and apples to all present. The crowd might have been larger, but for sentimental reasons many preferred to spend the evening at home with their families.

Christmas Eve was quiet in Faribault. Supt. Elstad showed a few reels of movies to the students who stayed and then Santa Claus appeared on the stage as all the lights were out. Mr. Elstad fortunately had a flashlight handy as the jolly old man appeared and spotted him for the children. Joe Katz was Santa and played his part like an old hand. Presents, many of them from the home folks, were then distributed to the pupils and the school provided generous bags of candy, nuts, and fruit.

A SAD FATE

Recently a deaf man by the name of Robert Micas called at the house of one Mrs. Lucille Shaghuey, in Equality, Ill., with the intention of selling some magazines. On seeing the stranger at the door, Mrs. Shaghuey calling through the closed door asked what he wanted. Unable to hear, Micas made no answer. She picked up a shot gun and said that if he did not answer she would shoot. Receiving no reply, she pulled the trigger and deaf Micas fell dead. Of course, the shooting was absolutely uncalled for. We do not know what the law did to Mrs. Shaghuey, but most likely she was exonerated and went free.

A few years ago a Minnesota man met a similar fate when he called at a strange house one night. The man answering the door bell thought that the deaf man was pulling a gun when he put his hand in his pocket for a pad and pencil, as he was unable to speak. The deaf should exercise care when calling at homes where they are not known, especially at night.

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ONE form of amusement which appeals to the deaf, and in which the breezy palavar of a Magician does not detract from the close attention of keen eyes watching his wonderful tricks, is regularly witnessed by the pupils of some schools for deaf children. Usually such an entertainment is provided once each year. As a consequence there is considerable excitement among the pupils in anticipation of the forthcoming treat. But for days after his performance the lives of the poor teachers are made miserable by the attempts of the smart ones to copy the tricks in the class-room.

The rapid sleight of hand work may puzzle the deaf audience, as it does other people, as they marvel at seeming impossibilities presented to their eyes. But in future all this may be changed following a row among members of a Magician society. All this sleight of hand is merely an illusion. Some of the tricks may continue to amaze part of an audience, but the knowing ones have been told that the hat into which eggs are broken was not the one borrowed from some man, or else the eggs broken are not real. In the apparent amputation of a beautiful girl, we have learned that the girl was not really sawn in two, the trick being done by the aid of mirrors. The rabbits taken from a hat are hidden in the performers coat, as is the bowl of fish. As to taking coins from the air, it is all a hoax. It is the same in having a human subject float in mid-air while the Magician passes a sword all around the seemingly human being, thus defying and disregarding all laws of gravity.

But there is actually a more astounding scientific accomplishment that outrivals the Magician's bag of tricks—the recent experiment in television—in which two men, many miles apart, saw and spoke to each other. With such an experiment in mind, and looking forward into the future, we may envisage many sad, pleasing, and comical experiences should television come into ordinary use. For

weal or for woe this new magic is apparently on the way to accomplishment and undoubtedly will revolutionize human lives. At any rate, it may result in making people more careful and considerate towards each other when they see and hear others at a distance exactly in the condition they may happen to be at the moment of an unexpected television call.

ALL SORTS of personal experiences, particularly the early memories of child life at home and at school, are apt to come to the surface by disclosures at meeting of teachers when discipline and punishments are on the tapis. In their recollections, individual teachers candidly acknowledged, and presented eloquent testimony against permitting enraged feelings to govern us in our management of others. This has special reference to the teacher in the classroom when bothered by a continuity of trying experiences.

We noticed lately a heart to heart review among educators of what has been styled the "unheeded wounds" children at school receive from lack of proper thought or consideration in the punishment of minor faults. What children may deem to be unfair chastisement is liable to leave scars in remembrance of the treatment suffered long after the child has grown up to adult life. We see something of this character expressed in a recently-issued autobiography of the late Rudyard Kipling, one of the most forceful and original of the later group of English poets and fiction writers. We read of the harsh treatment he received as a child, and how deeply he felt it, and continued to feel the past grievances even in adult life.

Teachers themselves, who were asked to give their earliest and most intense remembrance of their childhood days, have freely owned that the memory of punishments they had unjustly received had remained with them all through their lives. They considered the punishments unfair in their childhood days, and the passing of the years had not altered this feeling. They recall the violence of the instructors and what the persons had said, rather than the specific situation for which they were scolded. The attitude created by early punishments is still carried in their memories. Such occurrences of unjust, unfair treatment go far to destroy a child's self-respect, often laying the foundation of an inferior complex in later life. This thought is suggestive to those who are responsible for the teaching of children, and who would improve rather than harm the lives of others.

We note in the sparkling monthly, *Once A Month* for November, an interesting summary of the work of the Department of Normal Training at Gallaudet College, whose first group in training graduated in June, 1892. The survey presented by the Kendall member of the I.p.f. brings out several facts of peculiar interest, which recalls the beginning and progress of quite a number of prominent teachers of the deaf.

Just Once A Month shows that of 229 graduates of the Normal Course, 128 have been men and 101 women; 179 came from 100 different colleges and universities; of the whole number

115 are still actively engaged in teaching the deaf; 114 have entered other fields of endeavor and made their mark. A glance over the names of those still in the profession—quite a number filling the highest positions—indicates the importance and value of the training in this branch which Gallaudet offers to the candidates who come to it.

The success which has attended so many of them is natural from the wide, liberal system pursued in the course of training. It does not limit itself to preparation in a preferred course toward any particular method of instruction, but seeks rather to cover all that relates to the deaf, and to the systems of education that have been employed in their instruction in the past as well as at present. The graduate is thus at liberty to follow his own chosen line, supplied with the information concerning the methods that are now and have been in vogue in other days, here and in other countries.

As the little magazine records: "Of the 115 activities engaged in teaching, 28 are the chief administrative heads of schools for the deaf in the United States and other countries; 22 are department heads in schools, and 65 are class-room teachers.

The 114 not actively engaged in teaching the deaf can be grouped as follows: 43 claimed by other professions and businesses; three retired, six retired while serving as heads of schools; 42 married out of the profession; seven married teachers of the deaf, though they themselves have given up teaching, and 13 are deceased. Of the 13 deceased, eight died while holding positions as administrative heads of schools."

For quite a number of years, from personal daily observation of capabilities shown in the class-room by nineteen graduates of the Gallaudet Normal Department, who are now or formerly were with Fanwood as instructors, we can testify to the wholesome fruits of their training, to their individual high character as cultured young men and women of educational ability. The result of their preparation was evident throughout their tasks, in which they showed sincere devotion and close attention in connection with the academic work of the school.

Above and beyond the activities of the class-room, they became familiar with deafness and with those so handicapped; outside the class-rooms they were ready to mingle socially with the pupils on the playground, entering with zest into the various games and contests. This means much more than may appear on the surface; it instills in the deaf students features of honesty, fair play, courage and determination, qualities which are of the utmost value in youthful training. Gallaudet Normals, as a rule, are devoid of the snobbish tendency sometimes witnessed in new teachers, whose interest apparently is limited to the period of class work and ends with the close of the school-day session. Of those who came to Fanwood as Gallaudet Normals, four are now the executive heads of prominent schools, all of them holding official positions in the organization of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf.

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IOWA

News items for this column, and subscriptions should be sent to Norman G. Scarvie, #1220 West Graham Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mrs. Leonard Lau sends in her renewal to the DMJ with greetings for the New Year. Mrs. Lau was the former Ethel Koblenz of New York, and attended Gallaudet for some time. The Laus have one child.

As to Leonard, he graduated from the Iowa School and from Gallaudet, then took a course in engineering for two years at Iowa State College. Went to Fort Dodge and worked in company with William Landry in a furniture-repair business, later removed to his home town in Klemme, where he has been since.

For several years he did furniture upholstering and general repair work; in the face of rather restricted wages, he nevertheless always worked very hard, and steadily improved himself. Developed the use of iron bolts and nuts on old farmer's chairs and tables to a point where this method was usually requested.

Then came the break, last spring, when a chain lumber company located a branch in Klemme and in looking around for the best craftsman, naturally picked out Leonard. Since joining this new plant Leonard has had charge of the millwork department, to the entire satisfaction of the boss, who has agreed to reward Leonard with regular boosts in salary as the years roll by. After shop hours, Leonard has access to the entire machine department for use in following his hobby of making fancy pieces of woodwork.

Konrad Hokanson, bullet-passer with Johnny Ringle's crack Gallaudet football team, sent Christmas greetings to the Council Bluffs Frats from Salem, Oregon, where he is a teacher. "Hoke" still belongs to the C. B. division. After graduating from Gallaudet he spent two years at the Utah School, then three years at the Iowa School, from where he transferred to Oregon. He seems happily situated out there, where trout fishing and skiing are close at hand in the mountains.

The Beta Chapter of Kappa Gamma, enjoyed a steak dinner in Council Bluffs on December 7th, which was the monthly meeting date. Next time they will meet in Omaha. President is Oscar M. Treuke, vice-president is Anton Netusil, and keeper of shekels is John J. Marty. At the November meeting in Omaha Charles J. Falk was admitted to the chapter. He is a teacher at the Nebraska School, having transferred from the Mississippi where he had been for several years.

Soon after he came to the Iowa School, Superintendent Lloyd E. Berg appointed a deaf man, Glenn Seley, driver of passenger cars and trucks, to rotate with a hearing man in the same capacity. Mr. Berg has from time to time expressed great satisfaction with the expert driving done by Glenn. By the way, he is a 200-lb. plus full-back type of man, with the asset of a most agreeable disposition and sunny smile.

It seems that most of the folks here stayed close to home during the holidays. Only Nathan Lahn assistant physical director at I.S.D., took to the road; he drove down to his folks in Wichita, Kansas, in his Victoria Model-A Ford, affectionately known as "Mae West."

The Council Bluffs Frats elected Robert Brown, president for 1938. Roy Barron, vice president; Raymond Anderson, secretary; Ransom Arch, treasurer; Glenn Seley, director; George Weidman, sergeant-at-arms; Anton Netusil, trustee for three years. The other trustees are Gerald Osborne, senior, and Norman Scarvie.

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PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column should be sent to Howard S. Ferguson, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The memory lingers on." We are quoting the Thirtieth Anniversary Banquet of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf that took place in 1937, December 18th, to be exact. Here it is 1938 and we can still taste the boneless turkey and other stuff. Thus "the memory lingers on."

We shall go back to that Saturday night, the 18th, just one week before Christmas. The committee had worked and slaved for over a year to put their banquet over. But we shall see what we shall see as we ramble on.

McCallister's, Philadelphia's famed caterers, 18th and Spring Garden Streets, was the mecca that 180 deaf people—Jewish and Gentiles alike—descended down upon. McCallister's—a fairy land itself—had just recently been overhauled, and the modernistic scenes that greeted us was all too pleasing to the eyes.

Upstairs to the Gold Room, or was it the Rose, everybody repaired. The committee, all togged out in full dress and finery, was there to greet us and show the way to our table seating ten.

Time was required to seat them all and it was a little after seven when Rabbi Marvin Nathan offered a prayer, ending with the breaking of bread, that started us off, gourmet that we are, on the menu list.

Fresh fruit cocktail came first, with hearts of celery, queen olives and salted nuts sprinkled around the table. Tomato Puree came next, followed by a frozen sherbert.

Then came the main dish of roast young turkey with English filling, having potato croquette and asparagus for company. Of course, the turkey's side-kick, cranberry sauce, was there. Those that could stand a second plate were offered same and no questions asked. Yes, there was a side dish of shredded lettuce and tomato salad, with mayonnaise dressing.

At this junction belts were loosened, and mebbe corsets, because ice-cream with fudge sauce and cakes were served next, with coffee to conclude the menu.

Now, Mr. Isaac Zeidelman, who has been hiding all these years behind a linotype on the night shift, came into his own—he being Toastmaster.

Retiring President Jacob Brodsky of the H. A. D. brought greetings, followed by a short address by incoming President Joseph Gelman. Then Mr. Henry Blanckensee, who is accredited with the founding of the H. A. D., spoke about same.

Following these, with Mrs. Jacob Olanoff interpreting, came addresses by Rev. Nathan, dealing on those thirty years, and when he called those who attended the first meeting at Beth Israel thirty years ago, up to the speaker's table, a very fine bunch responded. Thirty years seemed to take no toll of them. Mr. Jacob Olanoff then followed with an address that contained a poem made up by him. We, bugs as we are over poetry, passed up Mrs. Olanoff's signing of same, and tried to read Mr. Olanoff's lips as this is our way of obtaining rhythm.

Addresses by Mr. Malvin Reinheimer, Mr. Samuel Goldberg and Mr. Elias Wilf followed, and from these we gathered that the friends of the deaf, composed of hearing people, were gracious enough to go to all the trouble of purchasing a new home, their very own, for the H. A. D. It is situated at 1516 West Girard Avenue, a four-story structure, and as soon as inside alterations are completed, will be turned over to the Haders.

Toasts, impromptu, were then offered by some of the guests, and then the program closed with a rendition of "Coming through the Rye," by Annie Zeidelman. At conclusion, the

committee, on its toes, presented her with a bouquet of roses.

Entertainment followed. There were six acts on the list and every one was very pleasing to the deaf. Tap dancing, a magician, ballroom dancing, a dog act, comedy act and an acrobatic team made up the six—all very good.

Time—as it always will—was fleeting and after an hour of hello here and how-are-you there, the exodus for home started—not till after the committee of Chairman Nathan Schwartz, Secretary Sylvan G. Stern, Treasurer Mrs. Nathan Schwartz, Reuben Miller, Pearl Potomkin, David Singerman and Isaac Zeidelman, were congratulated over and over again for such a splendid evening for us—those 180 people who were fortunate to attend. And so—today we write in retrospect: "The memory lingers on."

BANQUET BRIEFS

Did you notice the change in McCallister's? We have been to places and done things, but McCallister's takes the cake as a first-class banquet room.

Frank Mescol, the demon photog, mugged the assemblage, and an hour later was back with proofs of same.

Our table was blessed with the personage of Mr. Ben Friedwald, New York. If our dear readers in New York get the idea we are stretching this banquet, we refer you to Benny if he had a swell time.

The 180 who attended was considered a good crowd, but the committee had hopes of 300 or more.

The Shaffer man from Harrisburg, Edgar, managed to get his bay window under the table at eating time.

The railroad man from Baltimore, Hayes, first name Willie, certainly had a swell time, flitting from table to table, calling folks by their wrong name.

Nat. Schwartz, who probably aged 25 years in putting this over, shedded 50 years when he was congratulated all around. It's tough he couldn't celebrate our way—Mrs. Nat. saw to that.

Aside from banquet ramblings—if it is not yet too late—the season's greetings to you readers from us.

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IOWA

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Word has drifted in that Iowa's veteran employing printer, Fred E. Ward of Fort Dodge, and Mrs. Ward left before the holidays for Florida.

After having spent the month of November in Iowa, Wayne Mattlin returned to Calistoga, Cal., to resume his work in the Green Hotel in the service department.

Mrs. Herbert Coffman of Los Angeles, California, passed through Council Bluffs in the middle of December on her way to Rock Rapids, Iowa, her parental home, where she will undergo an operation for removal of a tumor. For many years the Coffmans farmed near Rock Rapids and annually conducted a fall picnic which brought in surprisingly large sums for the Iowa Association Foundation Fund.

The Afternoon Pinochle Club met at the Osborne home for a Christmas frolic December 15th. This club consists mainly of wives of teachers at I. S. D., but at this meeting the husbands also attended. Mrs. John Marty amassed top score and got a nut-meat grinder as a award.

The father of Mrs. Hazel McLaughlin died suddenly late in November. Mrs. McLaughlin (Hazel Holmes) belongs to the I. S. D. physical training staff. She was a student at Gallaudet back in 1925-26.

Score a novelty for the Iowa School; to speed the passing and floorwork of the co-ed basketball team, Coach Miss Miner has been scrimmaging the girls with the boys' Freshman team. As a result the girls lost their first two scheduled games by only two-point margins, then won their third encounter handily. They have displayed remarkable improvement, after two years of pitiful performance.

Mrs. George Cumming of Cedar Rapids, spent a week with Miss Lalla Lee, of Ossian. These two ladies drove over nearby Monona, to pass several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frese. Mrs. Cumming and Mrs. Frese were classmates at the Iowa school.

Jacob Oordt of Orange City, went down with the flu in November, developed a kidney disorder, spent two weeks in a Sioux City hospital, and returned home fine and dandy. One will find him now in his barber shop with his famous yard-wide smile that won't come off. An N. F. S. D. sickness benefit check helped stretch that beaming smile.

The meeting of Gallaudet College alumni in this territory listed for December 10, had to be cancelled because several members were unable to report on that date. No announcement has been made of a new date.

On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Anton Netusil had as guests Mrs. Netusil's sister and family, the Davie Grow. Also present was a vivacious college friend of Miss Jane Grow, this friend being a resident of Chili, a South American country.

It is not easy to get out a statewide news letter this time because it seems that most folks are contentedly lining themselves with browned turkey and roast goose during these festive days, blowing gift-cigar smoke, filching Junior's candy or playing with his train. A well-fed man, like a well-fed animal, likes to rest easy; even the dipping of a pen in ink looms as an overwhelming task, and the result is—you know it already—there is no news coming in at this time, and that's all right.

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N. F. S. D.

Saturday, March 26, 1938

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By J. Frederick Meagher
No. 19

I gaze agog,
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Are you one of those who save their old convention programs—so neat and inviting when first opened in the heyday of your holiday; but now soiled, weather-worn, dog-eared, and all marked up with data and marginals until it resembles something the cat dragged in?

Are you one of those mental-romanticists who loves to thump the book of memory on lonely winter evenings, meanwhile thumbing princely pages of past programs? Feeling heart-pangs over "might have beens" and "didn't pan outs," or kindling warm glows over remembered riches and hidden heart-throbs?

Shake, pard! So am I. Only we mustn't let the sneering world know. It would only laugh at us. You and I pard, we gotta bluff it out—assuming a hard-boiled, whatta-I-care attitude. After all, a pair of ragged pants covers many an aching heart!

Glorious green covers graced the 24-page program of our 18th triennial convention of the National Association for the Deaf, held in Chicago's massive Hotel Sherman, last July. Charman Peter Livshis did the printing in his own privately-owned job plant, out on the West Side. More I look at the prog, better it seems. Two excellent poems by two expert deaf poetasters—Arthur G. Leisman of Milwaukee, and past-treasurer John Henry McFarlane of Alabama. List of officers—all present except boardman Fred Moore of Columbus, and trustee Arthur Hinch of Cincinnati. Huge photos of the Twin Gemini—wonder-workers Kenner and Sedlow of Manhattan Isle. Kenner and Sedlow, the Castor and Pollox who awoke the NAD from its Rip Van Winkle of many years. Reminds you of Maculay's "Lays of Ancient Rome"—this Castor and Pollox stuff:

"Home victorious comes the general
Who, in his hour of fight,
Beholds the great Twin Brethren
In harness on his right."

Fourteen standing committees are listed, of whom I find 17 members are on deck, against 29 stay-at-homes. Study of the ads proves three Chicago organizations are "incorporated." Of these, the Central Oral Club founded 1908, claims to be "the oldest oral club in North America." Two deaf churches and a social center. Kenner and Frankenheim, both New Yorkers, have ads; Frankenheim's lists him as "member of Investment Bankers Conference, Washington, D. C." We deaf are sure making our mark in the world. Ads of the two rival Chicago frat No. 1, with 32 new members in six months, being the fastest-growing frat division in North America; "We want you to join our live-wire—Go-Getters and Gentlemen that are a credit to the American Deaf!" No. 106: "First, and only, Oral division in the United States and Canada." Chicago Deaf Bowling League claims to be: "Member American Bowling Congress, Illinois Bowling Assn, Chicago City Assn." Headquarters itself has swell page-ad: "Insurance in force \$5,000,000; assets over \$2,000,000; paid out in death and disability benefits over \$1,050,000."

But—page Ripley, please—there are six silent periodicals advertising! This DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, who's venerable columns carried the clarion-call to assemble and organize this NAD, 57 years ago. California's

Broadcaster, and Texas' Modern Silents each made a brave bid for title of "official organ." The Silent Southerner, the Akron Division Journal, and a small Chicago oral sheet, Chicago Tattler. Yes, sir; six of 'em, so help me!

Chairman Peter Livshis, the young oralist who spent one year at the U. of Chicago, also has a lot of hearing ads, soft-soaping firms into advertising after he already beat them down to bed-rock prices for service to convention. That boy is a wonder. He turned over to the NAD around \$1500 surplus, and if any past convention ever came anywhere near that mark, I have yet to hear of it. When it comes to money, pen-pusher Pete has the "know how."

Program itself, arranged by Denver's Northern, Milwaukee's Leisman, and Atlanta's Muriel Bishop, not so worse by a long shot. Only one day given over to "papers." More real business transacted than at any NAD I recall. Let's see: one "round table conference" by biggest of big shots; one opening ceremony; five business sessions; one "reading of papers" siesta; banquet; boatride; dance; "show"; sight-seeing tour; smoker; college alumni feed; Pen-Pushers' Pow-wow; OWLS hoo-hoo; NAD movie; "ladies' night;" and a wind-up picnic. If you had any spare-time after drinking in all those features, you could spend hours studying the huge "Exhibit," or finger-waving with crowds in the royal rotunda. 'Pears to me that prog. com. rang the bell. Just noticed, not a single one of them was rewarded with any sort of nomination for office!

Only thing I can suggest the prog. com. omitted was a sort of "Believe It Or Not" odditorium. (Tell Kenner—and watch him go skyrocketing.)

Program also has "photos by Crocker" of the six members of the Local Committee. Might as well give them a brief thumbnail:

Livshis—headman; banquet; soft-soaper for the hundred unexpected "jams" which pop up at all such huge functions. Batting average .999 (only error was failing to give me free tickets).

Crocker—photos; sightseeing; information. Graduate of hearing high school somewhere in wilds of Michigan; was official uniformed "Deaf Guide" at Chicago World's Fair of '33 and '34. Powerful, handsome, laughing, likeable young blade. The "glad-hand" type.

Hinrichs—registration. Lay-reader in the Rev. Flick's church; frail, wiry, energetic; cool-headed; like Livshis and Crocker, 90% oralist. (Those oralists seem to be up-and-coming folks; I like them.) Strong suite, patience-plus.

Kravel—boatride; general odd-lot mop-up man for minor matters. The only rabid anti-oralist of the bunch; leader in Ephphetan circles; typical good-natured German.

Miss Dries—information. Only "Native Son" of hundreds of prominent Chicagoans. Red-headed—and Irish; staunch Ephphetan; knows more about Chicago than the man who invented Chicago. (Ought to—for he's dead.) Always ready to help any good cause.

Mrs. Ursin—Exhibit (that was almost a whole convention in itself.) Hearing daughter of the late Lars Larson, one of the last three founders of the NAD attending Buffalo '30 convention. Chubby, cheerful, courteous—did all the pre-convention interpreting for Livshis and aides. With Livshis, only college-bred committeeman, graduate of some Normal school in Minnesota wilderness.

Fine representative bunch. Made a wonderful success of what we wise-acres opined would prove a flop. (I ought to know—for I was the first man offered the chairmanship when

Chicago was voted the convention. Sept. 7, 1935, less than two years to go. Opined success utterly impossible, what with some 75 deaf organizations here hopelessly at loggerheads. Harmony, cooperation, results? Phooey! So I, of all living souls can most fittingly appreciate the astounding outcome. Hate to admit it, but those young live-wires tallied. "Fools rush in where wise men fear to tread"—but those youngsters on the Local Committee thought otherwise and proved again "Youth will be served." Serve 'em right.)

(To be continued)

Los Angeles, Cal.

The first Christmas party of the season was that of the Sunshine Charity Circle on December 1st. They were meeting in their new quarters, at St. John's Episcopal Church on West Adams Street, near Figueroa. After the business session election of officers was held. Four were re-elected, viz: President, Mrs. Anna Cordero; First Vice-President, Mrs. Grace Noah; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Mary Scheffler; Secretary, Mrs. May Cool. For Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Himmelschein was chosen. After lunch there was a Christmas program, complete with a tree and Santa Claus. Mrs. Cordero signed "Silent Night, Holy Night," and Mrs. Cool gave a stirring rendition of "The Night Before Christmas." Santa Claus and helpers then distributed the gifts from the "Grab Bag." Quite a number of members who do not come regularly were present, so all in all, it was a happy celebration.

The Frats had their election on December 4th, which resulted as follows: President, Einer Rosenkjar; Vice-President, Lewis Peterson; Secretary, J. A. Goldstein; Director, Ross McDonald; Treasurer, Foster Gilbert; Sergeant, M. Clements; Trustee, Alvin Dyson. Their next meeting is January 8th.

Late in November the Examiner published a large picture of Silent Joe Hill, just after he scored a knockdown over Mickey McNamara. They were completing in the "Golden Gloves" amateur boxing contest. Hill is a deaf man from Taft, California. Whether he attended a school for the deaf was not stated in the newspapers. The following is from the Los Angeles Herald: With Eddie Marcus and Joe Hill furnishing the highlights of the Tri-city golden gloves tourney held here, last night these two fighters again swept through three divisions to lead five other of their comrades to victory over their northern opponents.

Winning seven out of eight titles, the Los Angeles, simon pures, are receiving a trip to Boston to climax a successful year along with participating in the Hearst Diamond Belt championships to be held there.

General Charman Perry E. Seely, of the 1940 N.A.D. Local Committee, has announced the following as his committees: T. W. Elliot, J. A. Goldstein, Jake Musso, Mrs. Grace M. Noah, Mrs. Burma Barthe and Odean Rasmussen. Mr. Seely says that his general plan calls for each of these to head (as Chairman) a sub-committee to handle the various functions as occasion may demand. Each such Chairman will select his, or her, own assistants. With from three to five members on each committee, it will be seen that there will be a pretty good scattering of the honors (and work???)

Mr. Seely heads the first of the monthly series of events which is called "The Starter," N.A.D. Dance and Get-Together, on Saturday, January 15, 1938, at the Cosmopolitan Club. There is to be a drawing for the free trip to Los Angeles in 1940.

Los Angeles Chapter of the California Association of the Deaf had a meeting at the Cosmopolitan Club the evening of December 10th. President Genner presided. The secre-

tary's report was read by Miss M. Sprangers, and the Treasurer's by Mr. Beecher. Mr. Seely announced his N.A.D. Committee and various plans. After a general discussion the election of officers for the Chapter was held. The following were elected: President, Odean Rasmussen; Vice-President, Joe Greenberg; Secretary, Jake Musso; Treasurer, Mr. Beecher; Director, Bob Kelly.

The recently deceased Robert Worth Bingham, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, was a cousin of Ernest Bingham of Los Angeles. They were raised together as boys in North Carolina, where both attended the Bingham Military Academy, founded by their kin in 1793. Ernest would have headed the school in his earlier days were it not for his deafness. He graduated from Gallaudet College. Ernest has not seen his famous cousin since he left the East seventeen years ago to come to Los Angeles. A nephew of the Ambassador, Bingham Gray, also lives here.

Mrs. Bertha Barnes, after a pleasant six months stay, left on December 8th for New York City. She spent October in San Diego. Several farewell dinners were given for her by old and new friends. She expected to stop a week in Chicago to see Mrs. Gilbert Erickson and other friends.

Mrs. Anna Coffman left recently for Sioux City, Iowa. She is to have an operation, and her parents wanted to be near her during the ordeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Zach B. Thompson, entertained about a dozen Iowa and Nebraska friends on Saturday afternoon, December 19th. The party was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wills, of Iowa, who are spending the winter with a daughter in Glendale. Mr. Wills, Gallaudet, '99, will go back to Iowa in the spring as he has a farm there. Mrs. Wills probably will remain as she is already in love with California.

Mrs. Annie Ward and her sister, Miss Minnie Drumm, had a pleasant ten days' stay at Redondo Beach during November. Miss Drumm, a trained nurse, had been caring for an invalid lady a long time, and had to have a rest. Some time ago Mrs. Ward had a week at Newport Beach, visiting an old friend, Mrs. Mary Moesser.

The deaf here will be well provided with Christmas cheer. The Sunshine Charity Circle is sending out boxes to the known cases of needy deaf. The Baptist's Christmas tree and entertainment is on December 23rd, Cosmopolitan Club's Christmas Party on December 24th, their New Year's Dance on December 31. The Lutheran Christmas services are on the evening of December 26th.

AUGUSTA K. BARRETT.

Dec. 23, 1937

Truly Stupid

The extreme simplicity of the new soldiers in old times in England, when the peasants did not know their right foot from their left, and consequently had to have a wisp of hay tied around one foot and of straw around the other, so that they might answer to the commands, "Hay foot, straw foot," seems to be pretty nearly equalled by that of the modern continental recruit.

A French paper says that a new recruit was under instruction from the sergeant as to the points of compass.

If you have the north in front of you, the east at your right, and the west at your left, what have you at your back?" asked the sergeant.

"My knapsack!" promptly answered the soldier.

Deaf-Mutes' Union League, Inc.

Club Rooms open the year round. Regular meetings on Third Thursday of each month, at 8:15 P.M. Visitors coming from a distance of over twenty-five miles welcome. James H. Quinn, President; Joseph F. Mortiller, Secretary, 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 5 Fairholt Road N, Hamilton, Ont., Canada

HAMILTON

Mrs. Hoffman, who is blind and deaf, came from Toronto nearly a year ago and is living in the Gyro Home for the Blind here. She recently returned from the General Hospital after an illness and is now improving in health. Her husband died about four months ago after a long illness.

The matron of the Home and also some of the other blind people there can talk to her in the double-hand alphabet, so that she does not feel so lonely as she might otherwise have been.

The Sewing Club Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Breen on December 22d. As usual, all the members exchanged small gifts and dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Breen also handed round pieces of her daughter's (Mrs. Mason) wedding cake.

The Breen family all spent Christmas Day at Mrs. Mason's home and had a nice time, though they all missed having Mrs. Rees (Mrs. Breen's mother) with them this year, as her health has not been so good lately. Mrs. Breen expects to go to Toronto later on to spend a couple of weeks with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gladow and family spent Christmas with Mr. Gladow's mother and sister.

Some of the deaf here are probably going to Brantford to attend the Watch Night party sponsored by Mr. Howard Lloyd, while some of the others may go to Toronto.

The services at Centenary Church will reopen on January 9th, after being closed for two weeks.

Mr. Frank Harris of Toronto, is expected to take charge of the service on January 16th.

When renewing their subscription to the JOURNAL, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Newell said that they "could hardly do without it as they enjoy reading it so much and getting news of their old friends."

AILS CRAIG, ONT.

Mr. John R. Newell has now been in Ailsa Craig for a year and thinks the country round there looks so nice, with plenty of fine timber and lovely scenery. They get plenty of wood for their furnace, as it is much cheaper than in Milton, where Mr. Newell formerly lived. There is a sawmill quite near and they get good, dry hardwood for \$8 per cord.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sours of Clinton, and Mrs. Alexander, motored to Ailsa Craig a few weeks ago to visit the Newells, as also did their old friend from London and his son and took them along to Clinton with them and also to Port Frank, on Lake Huron, which is very large. Mr. and Mrs. Newell had not been there before and enjoyed the trip immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell went by bus to London on a shopping expedition, but did not have time to visit any deaf friends.

There was a blizzard here which made bad drifts on the roads. Some cars got stuck in the drifts and the snow plough had to be used.

Mr. Newell's sister in Milton, who had a stroke some time ago, is now improving, though not yet able to work. She has to hire a woman.

LONDON

John Reynolds of Clinton, spent Christmas Day with his sister here.

Mrs. Richard Pincombe, who has been at St. Joseph's Hospital for several weeks for the treatment of one of her eyes, is now at home and is able to receive visitors.

Brigadier Wallace Bunton, divisional commander of the Salvation Army, who conducted the service on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, at the Y. M. C. A., said the Christmas

Fund had been enriched by \$2—the contribution of London's deaf-mutes. The money was a special collection taken to help those the donors believed were less fortunate than themselves.

Fred Terrell of Toronto, will be the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday, January 16th.

Benjamin Spindler, former hearing husband of Mrs. Etta Gottlieb, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital recently. He was 70 years old.

Mrs. Ewart Hall of Toronto, is under the parental roof in the city.

Mrs. Edith Mary Steel, 62, wife of Culver Bowlby, and sister of Mrs. Jontie Henderson of Sarnia, died on December 23d, at Simcoe, after a lengthy illness. She was born in Point Edward and lived in Simcoe for the past 41 years. Funeral services were conducted from her late residence on December 24th, by the pastor of St. John's Anglican Church. The remains were taken to Sarnia, where another service was conducted, with interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Sarnia.

Mrs. Geo. Munroe of St. Thomas, who has been seriously ill, is now reported to be making improvement.

We read in the *Windsor Star* that Miss Sophia Lafferty, aged 77 years, passed away on December 12th, at the residence of her niece, Sandwich West. She was the sister of Mrs. James Goodbrand, Brantford. The funeral was held on December 14th, at 8:30 A.M., from the above residence to St. Joseph Church, River Canard. Interment was made at St. Alphonsus Cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, who has been on the sick list for two months at the McCormick Home for the Aged, is reported to be sinking slowly.

TORONTO

Here are some rumors. See if they are worthy of reception in your mind. Mrs. Asa Forrester of Dunnville made an unexpected appearance in Toronto on December 10th, purposely it is said to attend the Royal Winter Fair, only to find out she was a fortnight too late. She had hoped, it was said, to sample some of the exhibition pies to compare with the famous pumpkin pies from her own oven. However, placing the aforementioned tale on the shelf, her many friends were very glad to see her back in their midst. She fluttered from one place to another in an endeavor to divide her visiting time equally among her intimates, and concluded her stay with her mother before entraining for Hamilton where she was joined by Mr. Forrester en-route to Dunnville.

An attack of lumbago forced Mr. John Shilton to remain in bed for a week before he was able to shake off the ailment. Visitors to his greatly remodelled printshop come away with excited comments upon the modernistic transformation of his office, which received personal attention of his oldest son. With valuable assistance from the chip off his old block, Mr. Shilton is justified in visioning expansion in his business.

Death came suddenly to the mother of Mr. Joseph Rosnick on Thursday, December 9th. Heart attack was the cause. Deceased had survived her husband by about 15 years. She was in her 75th year when her life came to an end. The sympathy of the deaf colony here is extended to Joe in his bereavement.

After months of painstaking and enthusiastic rehearsals, the pageant managed by Rev. and Mrs. MacGowan, of the Evangelical Church of the Deaf, was presented before a mixed audience of 150 hearing and deaf people in a blaze of glory, at the church on Wellesley Avenue, Saturday, December 18th. An ensemble of 22 adults took part in the brilliant performance. Recitals of Biblical hymns in unison and in appropriate costumes featured the concert. Christmas stockings and toys were distributed

to children at a social which followed the playlet.

Not even inclement weather could deter the party of Mr. and Mrs. James Tate, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson from carrying out their pre-arranged journey to Buffalo on November 28th. They remained in the American city over the week-end and found time to make a tour of inspection of the Le Couteux (Catholic) School for the Deaf. All emerged from the premises greatly impressed with what they beheld. The trip home was an uneventful one despite slippery streets.

At least two printers in our midst are wearing broad grins these days for their siege of idleness is over. With compilation of *Might's Directory* all completed and ready for the composing room, Messrs. Jack Morrison and Clarence Peake are once again drafted into the service on linotypes for a stretch of four months at fancy weekly salaries.

Someone in Toronto is sighing for that lost era of exploration which immortalized the daring voyages of Francis Drake, Frobisher and other Elizabethan seamen. Here is her contention why possessing such a lively sense of curiosity Mrs. Frank Harris (Marge for short) might have gone down into history by glorifying the Union Jack a bit more dramatically were she to belong to another decade:

Marge went shopping at Simpson's department store one day two weeks ago. On the sixth floor her curiosity was piqued at the sight of a long line of kiddies progressively disappearing into a mysterious compartment. She yielded to the urge to investigate and swung into line. Presently she entered the house of mystery. At once she experienced that burning desire to escape, but the way of retreat was barred by an army of kiddies—to the front of her, to her back, to her sides. As she surveyed the situation she realized that she was the only grown-up person in the Toyland rendezvous where Santa Claus was presenting everyone with a gift. She received one although no one ever found out from her sealed lips what it was. She made a wild dash for the exit door, and walked away with unusual sprightliness, evading thousand staring eyes and millions of grinning lips as her imagination prodded her to believe. It was a long while before she succeeded in banishing the hallucinations of accusing fingers which seemed to point at her. They now say that among her New Year's resolutions will be something in regard to better exercise of her curiosity.

A. M. ADAM.

Agricultural Ants

Some ants keep slaves, we are told, and others keep cows, or substitutes for cows. Others still make a business of raising mushrooms. These last are the leaf-cutting ants, so called. They live in tropical America, and are very destructive. They have been known to ruin whole plantations of orange and lemon-trees.

They cut circular pieces out of the leaves and carry them off to their mounds. What they do with them was long a question, but Muller, who studied these ants in Brazil, and Belt, who studied them in Nicaragua, have ascertained that the leaves are not used for food, but as manure on which to grow a minute species of fungus. In other words, these leaf-cutting ants cultivate mushrooms.

They are described as taking the utmost pains to keep the mounds neither too dry nor too damp. Sometimes the inexperienced bring in grass and unsuitable leaves, but these are invariably carried out and thrown away.

When the chambers get filled with leaves that have been exhausted as fertilizers, new chambers are built and fresh leaves are gathered.

Anent Deafness

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Being deaf to vocal sounds, they pay no heed when they are addressed by voice unless the speaker is in front of them and is clearly seen. For this reason they often are misunderstood and thought to be rude and surly when, in reality, they are usually courteous and most considerate to people whom they understand. This brings into prominence the invidious comparison so frequently made between the deaf and the blind even by cultured writers who might be supposed to be certain of matters whereof they write. Such comparison properly represent the blind as cheerful, but mistakingly give the impression of the deaf as being sad or morose. The blind hear when they are addressed, and respond readily to spoken language; they appreciate the speaker's humor, respond to the merry quip, join in the laugh, or give a smiling reply. The deaf do not hear spoken words when addressed to them, remain calm, unresponsive, surly, if you will, until attention has been attracted through the eye. Put yourself in their places and what other response than silence is possible under the circumstances. It is always so easy, so natural to misunderstand the demeanor of those whom we do not know and, at times, even those with whom we consider ourselves familiar, that we need discriminative caution lest we be unintentionally unjust to a quiet and courteous people who may seem to ignore remarks addressed to them, and who would give much to be able to hear and reply when addressed by others.

A person who happens to be deaf seems, automatically, to pass into a sociological class that makes him defective, but there is no change in his method of reasoning, except that thought is likely to become more intense from the solitude accompanying silence. One's ethical beliefs continue as before; it is just life without ordinary sounds; yet this does not fully portray the condition, for the life of a deaf person is not entirely cut off from the sensations produced by vibratory noises, as was previously pointed out. Sometimes the deaf seem as puzzling to hearing persons as the latter are to the deaf; to the hearing the deaf may seem to be erratic and pessimistic, at times, while some of the actions of hearing people strike the deaf as odd. None the less, the previous statement as to the deaf being generally cheerful and adaptable under adverse circumstances, and that they do not reason differently nor look upon life from a different angle than hearing people, remains true.

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